

**TOWN OF GOSHEN
RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, December 21, 2015**

PRESENT: Don Patterson, Al Torizzo, Erin Hurlburt, Cate Corwin, Donna Winn, Recreation Director, Robert Valentine, First Selectman.

ABSENT: Nanci Howard, Garret Harlow

Don Patterson called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

IN A MOTION made by Cate Corwin, seconded by Erin Hurlburt, it was VOTED to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 2015 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

Treasurer's Report:

Copies of the *Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual report* were distributed among the members for discussion. Donna Finn will clarify the input from the Fiscal Office so as not to duplicate efforts in financial reporting; the activities accounts will be included in future reports. All deposits will be done in a timely manner. Don Patterson questioned whether the cost of the ramps (entrance to the Lodge) can be reallocated to Capital Maintenance. IN A MOTION made by Cate Corwin, seconded by Erin Hurlburt, it was VOTED to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Voted unanimous.

Bob Valentine discussed the letter he sent to Chairman Patterson regarding the Board of Selectmen's recommendations regarding the use of alcohol at activities taking place at Camp Coch. The Board of Selectmen felt there is no positive outcome to having alcohol served at the Camp. In conversations with the town's CIRMA representative, it was advised that "risk avoidance" is the prudent path to follow for the town. The original purpose for creating Camp Coch is was to provide a building for recreational activities for the community. All agreed that signs will be posted in proper places to alert the public of No Alcohol Use.

Bob Valentine reported that the Town of Goshen has tried three times to garner a STEAP grant from the State of Connecticut to no avail. Therefore, at this juncture, the best way to address the needed bathrooms at Camp Coch would be to refurbish the existing "Headquarters" building inasmuch as the septic fields necessary are already in place and connected. A designer can be contracted to re-design for handicapped accessibility and general upgrades to the building. Possible use of Capital Appropriation for costs will be considered. The Renovation Committee will be comprised of Don Patterson, Garret Harlow, Al Torizzo, and Nanci Howard. This Committee will work in hand with the Board of Selectmen. IN A MOTION made by Al Torizzo, seconded by Cate Corwin it was VOTED to begin preliminary plans for renovating the Headquarters Building with the Board of Selectmen. Motion carried. Erin Hurlburt abstained.

Programming Report:

House Decorating Contest – three (3) homes entered and prizes were given awarded accordingly.

Ho-Ho Hotline – went well with the few children that signed up.

- A short discussion followed in that Ms. Winn felt, in her past experiences with these programs, that if the use of "fliers" regarding these activities were able to be used, a much larger number of families would participate. Ms. Winn will follow up with the Superintendent of Schools regarding the distribution of fliers.

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Bend and Stretch- was a successful program.

Kickin' Kid's – a successful class has ended; a new class will be beginning soon.

Senior Socials – Donna Winn had a brief meeting with the seniors wherein several new programs were suggested that may become popular within the community. She will meet with this group again to bring forward details.

Mohawk Ski – despite a slow start, fourteen (14) children have now signed up.

Winter Fun Festival – ice-skating, presentation by the Nature Center: Birds of Prey, possibly a DJ. This event is planned for Saturday, February 20th 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Old Business:

A discussion of the language in the rental contract for Camp Coch took place. IN A MOTION made by Cate Corwin, seconded by Erin Hurlburt, it was VOTED to charge an additional \$100 to the fee for renters that are non-residents of Goshen. Voted unanimous.

New door mats for use at Camp Coch have been put in place.

A discussion took place on the job description for the Maintenance Contractor (Chuck Fennimore has resigned this position). It was decided that the language in the contract under TERMS OF AGREEMENT would include: *"Fees from contracted rentals of the Kobylenski Lodge will be paid directly to Maintenance Contractor by the contracted renter."* IN A MOTION made by Al Torizzo, seconded by Cate Corwin, it was VOTED to adopt the language stated above to the Job Description for the Maintenance Contractor. Voted unanimous.

Donna Winn reported on some suggestions she has come up with regarding fresh, new programs under the Recreation Department; dancing and gymnastic classes, open mike night, Karaoke, baton twirling, cartooning, circus acts for kids, senior entertainment, music programs, etc.

IN A MOTION made by Cate Corwin, seconded by Erin Hurlburt, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, Recording Secretary

